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**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

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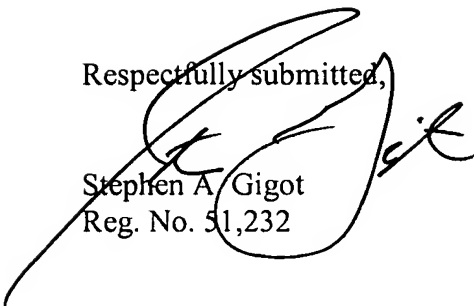
This communication is in response to the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated August 23, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has identified only a few of the separate and independent reasons for allowance of independent Claims 13 and 25 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 14-24 and 26-43.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 13-43 are allowable for additional separate and independent reasons. The independent claims (Claims 13 and 25) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Similarly, the dependent claims (Claims 14-24 and 26-43) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

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